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Weinberger asks powers to unite against terror

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WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger urged yesterday that the superpowers join forces to create "a vastly increased intelligence capability" to detect terrorist plans before they could be carried out.

Speaking at the National Press Club as a pirated Italian liner was released off the coast of Egypt, Mr. Weinberger said that Washington and Moscow should negotiate an "agreement on joint planning in advance to deal with possible terrorist acts from third nations."

Questioned on how terrorism could be handled, Mr. Weinberger said there had been people since the world began who had no values of their own and were "perfectly willing to destroy everybody else's."

There were two urgent needs, he said:

□ Increased intelligence capability "that would help us know when and what is being planned by whom and where. . . . We should increase that and encourage the increase of

that . . . by other countries."

□ An agreement, such as he had proposed without success two years ago, for U.S.-Soviet cooperation in dealing with terrorist acts. The more advance planning you can do, he said, the better a terrorist situation can be handled.

Meanwhile, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, following talks with Secretary of State George P. Shultz, said yesterday: "It is very difficult to discuss peace, to negotiate about peace when there are hostages, when there are killed people and wounded people." He said that in his talks with Mr. Shultz, he emphasized the need to "fight together against the scourge of the world — terrorism."

Mr. Shultz said he agreed with Mr. Shamir's remarks but both men indicated that the United States and Israel remained in disagreement over Israel's air attack against the Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunisia last week.

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